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1. Esperanza Vera Mengod Garcia,\* who arrived in La Paz 11 February 1949 on Panagra flight No. 325 from Arequipa, Peru, is under observation by Bolivian authorities as a suspected agent for the Peruvian government. She is suspected by the Bolivian government of involvement in the recent conspiratorial activities of Edmundo Nogales of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) and Lt. Col. Alfonso Llosa, Peruvian Minister of Development and Public Works.\*\* Consequently, the police placed her under surveillance, but have not discovered anything of interest. However, this surveillance has been so close and inept that she was in all probability on guard from the beginning.
2. Esperanza Vera Mengod Garcia entered Bolivia on a tourist visa, which she later had changed to a business visa so that she might work as an insurance expert in the Bolivian insurance company, Compania Boliviana de Seguros, which is controlled by the Banco Popular del Peru. She is an attractive, intelligent brunette, 27 years old. She was born in Spain and carries a Spanish passport. Since her arrival in La Paz, she has led an active social life, usually posing as a single woman, but finally announcing that her husband Vicente Manuel Alejandro Garcia Carranceja would join her. Since his arrival on 13 March, her social activities have been considerably curtailed, although she frequently is in the company of one of the top officials of the Banco Popular de Peru.
3. Mengod has stated in conversation that she has worked for some years with the Sun Life Insurance Company of New York. She says that she has a house in the fashionable Lima suburb Orrorntia and another in the nearby resort Chosica.
4. Her passport states that she was born in Spain, 6 November 1922, and is single. This passport was issued by the Spanish Consulate in Lima on 17 January 1949, and she obtained a Bolivian visa in Lima on 21 January 1949. She had previously held Spanish passport No. 1590, issued at Barcelona on 15 April 1947.
5. Vicente Garcia, who is quite possibly not married to Mengod, was born 15 October 1905. His passport, which was issued in Santander, Spain on 16 December 1946, lists him as a lawyer and married. He has not been observed to be engaged in any business or professional activity in La Paz.

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Comment. [redacted] listed Mengod as one of the individuals seen from the company of Rene Seiler, Swiss arms dealer.

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